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Welcome to issue 4 of Campaign which focuses on a new wills network we have joined (page 6), a unique opportunity to suggest changes to the law (see page 7), and an update from our charitable partner, Compassion in Dying (pages 11&12).

But first, I want to take this opportunity to say a heartfelt thank you. Twelve months on from victory in the House of Lords and I have been reflecting not only on the enormous strides our campaign has made, but also one of the most important reasons for our success - you. You bring an integrity to our campaign that others struggle to match. Your individual donations mean we remain an independent organisation and your activism is unremitting.

So thank you, to all those members who send us their annual subscriptions, to all those supporters who tirelessly lobby their MPs, to all those who made the journey to come and meet with us at a regional meeting or at our AGM, and finally, to all those people who have shared their story with us, the media and the public. Without you, we would not be where we are today.

And now, as the dust settles on the new Parliamentary intake, we take stock of the make-up of our new MPs. Initial analysis looks good. Although we lost supporters, we gained a number of new allies and we look forward to working with them to progress change.

However, such a turbulent election, with the largest intake of new MPs since World War Two, means much of the House of Commons is unknown to us. So I urge you to write to your MP today, introduce our campaign, and please don't forget to send us copies of their response.

Finally, thank you to everyone who gave so generously following our recent fundraising appeal. If you have not yet had an opportunity to return your donation, please do so now. Each and every pound makes a huge difference.

Sarah Wootton.

Dignity in Dying is a membership organisation and national campaign. With our 25,000 supporters, we demand greater choice and control at the end of life.

We are funded entirely by donations from members of the public and are independent of any political, religious or other organisation.

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Disability & assisted dying

On 3 June, in Westminster Hall, Baroness Campbell, convenor of Not Dead Yet UK, launched a new campaign opposing assisted dying legislation entitled 'The Resistance Campaign'.

The campaign urges MPs to oppose all moves to legalise assisted dying and asks disabled people to support the campaign by signing an online petition. Speaking at the launch of the campaign Baroness Campbell said: "Disabled and terminally ill people need help and support to live, not to die. We cannot allow others to speak for us; especially those who seek to offer us the choice of a premature death. It is not a choice - it is to abandon us".

Baroness Campbell has been a staunch opponent of assisted dying for many years now, and was instrumental in the defeat of our campaign to support Lord Falconer's amendment to the Coroners and Justice Bill back in June last year. Speaking at the debate, she told Peers that: "[Assisted dying] advocates are people who fear disability and terminal illness... assisted dying is not supported by the very people whom it is intended to benefit."

In fact, opinion polls consistently show that disabled people support assisted dying legislation. A British Social Attitudes survey from 2007 found that 75% of disabled people support assisted dying for terminally ill people, a

Baroness Campbell

Disability Rights Commission poll in 2003 found 60% of disabled respondents to be in favour of a change in the law, while a YouGov poll in 2004 found that disabled people were equally likely to support assisted dying as non-disabled people.

We are keen to challenge the misleading statements about support for assisted dying legislation and the suggestion that any change in the law would devalue the lives of disabled people. We cannot do this without your help.

ACTION! ARE YOU A DISABLED SUPPORTER?

If so, get in touch. We are building a database of disabled people who support assisted dying legislation and are keen to challenge the views of campaign groups such as Not Dead Yet UK and The Resistance Campaign.

Ideally we are looking for supporters who have access to email but we would still like to hear from you if you don't.

Email Emily at **emily.halsall@dignityindying.org.uk** write to her at the main address or telephone her on **020 7479 7730.**

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News in brief

Doctor struck off for hastening deaths of dying patients

In June, Dr Howard Martin was struck off by the General Medical Council for admitting that he deliberately hastened the deaths of dying patients in his care.

At the time of going to print, police were considering reopening an inquiry into the GP, who in 2005 was cleared of murdering three of his patients, as he told the Daily Telegraph that he had acted out of 'Christian compassion' in delivering high doses of morphine to 18 terminally ill patients.

The case highlights yet again the need for regulated assisted dying for terminally ill, mentally competent adults. Without such a choice, doctors and patients will continue to take matters into their own hands without the transparency, support and safeguards that assisted dying legislation would bring.

Scottish End of Life Assistance Bill reaches next stage

The public consultation on Margo MacDonald MSP's End of Life Assistance Bill has now closed. A report on the consultation shows that of 601 responses, 521 were opposed, 39 were supportive of the Bill or the principle behind it and 41 took no position.

Dignity in Dying responded to the consultation and our full response can be found on our website. Although we support many aspects of the proposed legislation, the Bill goes beyond what Dignity in Dying believes to be a fully safeguarded assisted death. The Bill now progresses to the Committee stage where organisations and individuals will provide evidence in support of, or in opposition to, the legislation.

If you have not already done so, we urge all supporters resident in Scotland to contact their MSPs about the Bill.

General Medical Council publishes guidelines on end-of-life care

Following a public consultation, the General Medical Council published its guidelines entitled 'Treatment and care towards the end of life: good practice in decision making' in May. The guidelines are a welcome development for patient choice and control.

However, while the guidelines provide comprehensive guidance for doctors on legally binding Advance Decisions to refuse treatment at the end of life, they fail to address how doctors should respond to terminally ill patients' requests for help to die. With research published by Professor Clive Seale last year finding that almost one in ten dying patients had requested help from their doctors to hasten their deaths, this is clearly an area of practice that doctors would welcome guidance in.

The guidelines are available to download from:

www.gmc-uk.org

New magazine celebrating life and death launched

June saw the launch of the world's first magazine to celebrate life and death. Eulogy magazine aims to be informative, comforting and inspiring. Dignity in Dying Chief Executive, Sarah Wootton, writes in issue 1 about existing rights at the end of life and other articles include a soldier's perspective on life and death in the army, a guide to coping with bereavement, as well as poetry, letters and other interviews.

Eulogy Magazine is published monthly and can be found in newsagents and supermarkets as well as online at www.eulogymagazine.co.uk. Recommended retail price is £3.75.

Dignity in Dying fringe events at party conferences

Dignity in Dying will be holding fringe meetings at this year's Liberal Democrat, Labour and Conservative annual party

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conferences where we will be joined by Parliamentarians and representatives from Ekklesia, Demos and Stonewall to discuss 'Issues of conscience: who decides the politicians or the public?'.

If you are attending any of the conferences, please do join us. Should you like information on the time and dates of our fringe events, please contact Jen Hardy at jen.hardy@dignityindying.org.uk or by telephone on 020 7479 7730.

Thank you for all your hard work

Analysing the responses from the Director of Public Prosecutions' public consultation on cases of assisting or encouraging suicide, provided us with an opportunity to measure our influence, and the results are very encouraging.

Although it's difficult to be exact, the report published alongside the guidelines suggests that 35% to 40% of responses were broadly supportive of assisted dying. This represents a significant increase in supportive correspondence when compared to the response around the 2005 Assisted Dying for the Terminally Ill Bill. Thank you to everyone who took part.

Thank you also to everyone who responded to our appeal to contact your MP - the response has been overwhelming. If you have not done so already, please contact your MP today and ask them to support our campaign, and remember to forward on any copies of their correspondence to us.

Dignity in Dying recruits new Office Manager

Ian Walker

Following Jo Thomas' appointment to Compassion in Dying (see page 11), Ian Walker has joined Dignity in Dying as the new Office Manager and Board Support.

Ian comes to Dignity in Dying from a background at The Scarman Trust and an international management consultancy organisation.

In his new role, Ian will be responsible for the day-to-day running of the Dignity in Dying office and duties relating to the Board. He is also the first port of call for members of the public requiring more information about Dignity in Dying.

Frances Inglis' to be heard at the Royal Courts of Justice

At the time of going to print, Frances Inglis, who was found guilty of murder for injecting her brain-damaged son with a lethal dose of heroin, was set to have her appeal hearing at the Royal Courts of Justice on 21 July. We will update members on the outcome of the case through our website and via email.

World news

Sarto Blouin, a Canadian lawyer, provides us with an update on a recent Canadian Bill on assisting someone to die

On 21 April, a Bill to legalise physician assisted suicide and euthanasia in Canada was defeated in the House of Commons by a vote of 228 to 59. Introduced by Francine Lalonde, political representative of the Bloc Québécois Party, this Bill was Lalonde's third attempt at introducing legislation with previous attempts in June 2005 and June 2008.

The legislation proposed was much broader than the assisted dying legislation Dignity in Dying advocates - that is for terminally ill, mentally competent adults only. If passed, it would have allowed people with terminal illnesses and those who have tried or refused treatments and still experience severe physical or mental pain "without the prospect of relief" to qualify for medical assistance to hasten their death in certain circumstances.

Legacies and wills

Please consider leaving a bequest in your will to Dignity in Dying. We rely heavily on financial support from our supporters in many forms; membership subscriptions, donations in response to our appeals, and of course bequests to Dignity in Dying in our supporters' wills.

Legacy bequests are an essential lifeline which help us exist. In fact, legacies often make up more than 40% of our income.

For many people, leaving a bequest in their will to a cause they feel strongly about is the most generous charitable gift of their life.

Just like Alison, a busy professional with extensive financial commitments and responsibilities who wrote to us to tell us about her bequest: "What with the mortgage, family commitments and other things, I am not always able to support your work to the level I would like to. This will change with my will. I am conscious that the change in the law may come too late for me, but by leaving this gift in my will I can ensure that future generations do not have to suffer like some of us do now."

Bequests from supporters like Alison ensure that we can campaign for that vital change in the law. This is why we are asking you to consider mentioning Dignity in Dying in your will now if you have not already done so. We are only able to do our work because of the generosity of our loyal supporters, and your bequest could be that final tipping point in our campaign for change.

I would like to take advantage of Dignity in Dying's participation in National Free Wills Network

Title: ..... First name:.....

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Postcode : .....

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Signature: .....

Please return this form to:
Dignity in Dying, 181 Oxford Street, London, W1D 2JT.

If you have not yet had an opportunity to write a will, are over 60 and a Dignity in Dying supporter, you can now have your will drawn up for FREE.

Dignity in Dying has become a part of the National Free Wills Network. The network is made up of charitable organisations throughout the UK and membership enables us to offer individuals and couples who have a history of supporting Dignity in Dying and are over the age of 60, a free "simple" will writing service using the services of local solicitors across the UK.

This offer does not apply to the writing of wills that have to deal with complex issues but if you have not yet got round to making a will, we hope this provides an ideal opportunity to do so.

If you would like to take advantage of our participation in the scheme, and please rest assured there is absolutely no obligation to leave money to Dignity in Dying in your will, please complete the form on the left and send it back to us. The National Free Wills Network will then contact you with details of your local participating solicitors.

Your Freedom

On 1 July, Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg launched 'Your Freedom' - a website where members of the public can suggest areas of the law that should be changed or repealed, and then rate and comment on other people's suggestions.

Any ideas must be based on existing legislation and the website cannot be used to suggest new laws, for example, to introduce assisted dying legislation. However two members have added two ideas which, if enacted, would have a huge impact on our chances of success. The website promises that feedback on the site will "inform Government policy and some of your proposals could end up making it into Bills we bring before Parliament to change the law."

Dignity in Dying Patron, Heather Pratten, who received a conditional discharge for helping her terminally ill son to die, has suggested changes to murder law. Her idea is: "To update murder law so that a person who ends the life of another for compassionate reasons and at their request, is not treated the same way as a malicious murderer."

Dignity in Dying member, Margaret John, who was diagnosed with ovarian cancer last September, has suggested changes to the 1961 Suicide Act: "Update the 1961 Suicide Act to allow assisted dying for terminally ill, mentally competent adults."

Please support these ideas by visiting the website, leaving comments and voting for them. Unfortunately you must have access to the internet in order to take part in this campaign.

How to use the website

If you have access to the internet, you can comment and vote on these ideas by visiting: http://yourfreedom.hmg.gov.uk/

You must first register as a member on the website, for which you need an email address and be willing to share the first half of your postcode (although this information is not published). See the picture below for where to register.

Once registered, you can search for ideas using the search function (see picture below). For Heather Pratten's idea search for "Murder law and mercy killing" and for Margaret John's idea search for "1961 Suicide Act".

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Your ideas for your freedom
The Coalition Government is committed to restoring and defending your freedom – and we're asking you to participate.
Response to Your Freedom, Friday 9th July 2010
We're working to create a more open and less intrusive society through our Programme for Government. We want to restore Britain's traditions of freedom and fairness, and free our society of unnecessary laws and regulations – both for individuals and businesses.
This site gives you the chance to tell us which laws and regulations you think we should get rid of. Your feedback will inform government policy and some of your proposals could end up making it into bills we bring before Parliament to change the law. We've had an excellent response so far, receiving thousands of ideas, comments and votes.
So if you see an idea here that you agree with, then rate it to move it up the list. If you have more to say about an idea, then add your comment. Or submit your own idea if it isn't yet on the site (the search box is a good way to check). And remember - we want you to suggest ideas for removing laws and regulations, rather than ideas for creating them.
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AGM minutes

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Dignity and Choice in Dying held at the International Coffee Organisation, 22 Berners Street, London, W1T 3DD on Wednesday 19th May 2010.

Professor Nick Moore, Dignity in Dying Chair, opened the AGM by welcoming everyone to the event.

Ordinary business:

2009 minutes

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 20th May 2009 were approved. Approved by all members present.

Accounts

The accounts for the year ended 31st December 2009 were approved and adopted. Approved by all members present.

Auditors

Haysmacintyre were re-appointed as auditors at a fee to be agreed by the Board. Approved by all members present.

Report of the Chair

Nick Moore thanked all Dignity in Dying members, Board members, staff and volunteers for their continued support and hard work on behalf of the campaign. Following the recent election, he announced Michael Daly, Philip Graham and Alice Leonard as newly appointed Board members. He thanked Paul Devlin for his commitment as a Board member over the last three years. Finally, Nick shared with members some of his highlights over the last twelve months - including the work around our newly established charity, Compassion in Dying and our recruitment of new Dignity in Dying Patrons.

Report of the Treasurer

Rowena Ironside, Vice Chair of the Board, presented the financial report for the year to 31 December 2009. Income during the year was £1,039,000 against a total expenditure of £761,000, leaving a surplus for the year of £278,000. We gained £61,000 on investment from our reserves. Rowena presented a breakdown of where our money comes from and highlighted the importance of legacies to our income.

Chief Executive's report

Sarah Wootton described 2009 as an "exceptional year for Dignity in Dying". Giving an overview of the Debbie Purdy case and subsequent prosecuting policy on assisting someone to die, Sarah explained how the case demonstrated real change. Sarah highlighted that through our media and stakeholder work, assisted dying had been the top health story of the year, including proactively achieving a front cover story on both The Observer and The Times. She drew on the experience gained from the defeat of Lord Falconer's amendment to the Coroners and Justice Bill, spun by opponents as an attempt to fully decriminalise assisted suicide but in fact, aiming to introduce up-front safeguards to travelling abroad for an assisted death. Finally, Sarah stated that if supporters continued to take action on behalf of the campaign, we would successfully achieve our aims within the decade.

Reports from the Campaigns and Policy Team:

Davina Hehir, Head of Legal Strategy & Policy

Davina Hehir spoke to members about the implications of the Prosecuting Policy on Cases of Encouraging or Assisting Suicide on individuals, society as a whole and the campaign in general. Davina spoke about the impressive response rate to the public consultation on

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the policy with over 5,000 responses (over 4,000 of which being from members of the public) and thanked all members who took the time to write in and express their support. While the initial draft of the policy did change following the consultation, she emphasised that it was clearly stated by the Director of Public Prosecutions that the policy had neither been relaxed nor tightened as a result of this.

Jo Cartwright, Media & Communications Officer

Jo Cartwright urged members this year to "get a little bit more personal" as she explained the importance of sharing personal stories and experiences in communicating the need for our campaign. Jo went on to discuss the importance of our new Patrons, such as Sir Terry Pratchett, in communicating such personal stories and finally, provided members with an overview of media coverage from the last 12 months. She stressed the need for supporters to write in to local and national newspapers to challenge misleading and negative articles on assisted dying.

We were delighted to welcome Baroness Warnock and Dr Liza Macdonald to this year's AGM. Co-authors of the book 'Easeful Death', they shared with members their views on the implications of a new Parliament on our campaign.

Guest speaker: Baroness Warnock

Baroness Warnock discussed the opportunities and priorities for us in the next five years. She referenced David Cameron's recent unsupportive comments and suggested that it would be unlikely that the coalition Government would support measures to change the law at such a critical time for them. Instead, Baroness Warnock urged members to focus attention in the immediate future on emphasising "the absolute necessity to change the law eventually", particularly by highlighting that doctors and nurses are currently making such end-of-life decisions without regulation, transparency and safeguards.

Guest speaker: Dr Liza Macdonald

Dr Liza Macdonald, Dignity in Dying Patron, told members how she felt it was important not to view assisted dying as a medical issue, but rather a matter of social policy. She highlighted a reduction from 20 MPs (in 2007) to only 9 MPs (in 2010) with a healthcare background but also stressed the opportunity this brings, as such MPs feel a responsibility to be fully informed on the issue, and much of this information will come from members of the public. Liza urged members to use evidence and research when talking about the campaign and particularly in lobbying MPs on the issue – and particularly to refute claims that palliative care suffers as a result of assisted dying and that vulnerable people would be at risk with legislation.

Member comments and suggestions

There were numerous helpful suggestions put forward by members at this year's AGM. Many ideas are being progressed by the team, including a new campaign around the coalition government's 'Freedom Bill' (see page 7 for more on this), wider promotion of Advance Decisions and easier access to key research and evidence for members. In relation to the key research request, we are developing a new section on the website to incorporate this and will update members on this in Issue 5 of Campaign.

Supporters

In each edition of Campaign, we like to share news and views from our supporters. Here we feature some recent supporter letters, news of Debbie Purdy's book launch and an update on our regional meetings.

Dear Dignity in Dying

I am writing to complain about the lack of mention of the death of Sir Ludovic Kennedy, former President of the organisation and one of the founding members of the campaign as we know it today, in any recent edition of Campaign. I felt it was rather discourteous to have no mention of his death in October last year.

Anonymous

Response from Dignity in Dying

We were very saddened to hear of the death of Sir Ludovic Kennedy. He was a passionate advocate for assisted dying for terminally ill people, and his compassion and vigorous intellect was an asset to the organisation. Omitting news of Sir Ludovic's death in Campaign was in no way meant to be dismissive of his contribution to the campaign, but was a result of unfortunate timings with the production of the newsletter. We apologise if this caused any offence to our supporters.

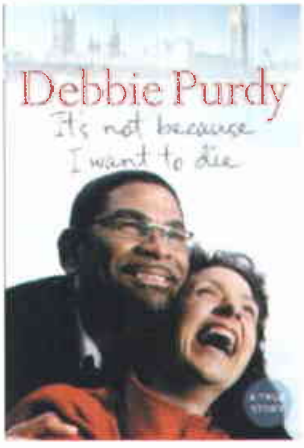
ACTION! REGIONAL MEETINGS - WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Brighton meeting, 20 March

We were delighted to welcome over 300 members and supporters at events in Leeds, Brighton, Birmingham, Exeter, Oxford and Cardiff.

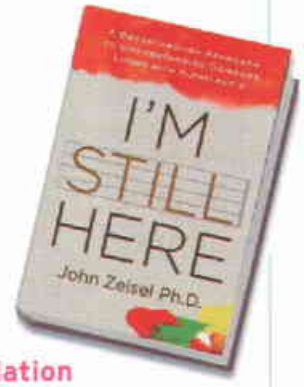
We are now trying to establish whether or not to continue with the meetings in 2011 and we'd like to hear your thoughts. Did you attend a meeting and do anything differently to support the campaign as a result? Was there anything we could have done differently that would have encouraged you to attend? Was there anything we could have done to improve on the events? Please send your ideas and suggestions to Emily Halsall at **emily.halsall@dignityindying.org.uk** or to **Dignity in Dying, 181 Oxford Street, London, W1D 2JT.**

Debbie Purdy's book launched



In June, Debbie Purdy launched her book **It's Not Because I Want to Die** which charts her journey to her landmark victory in the House of Lords last July. Dignity in Dying has a limited number of copies available for supporters at the recommended retail price of £7.99 (with free postage and packaging).

Should you wish to order a copy, please send a cheque made payable to 'Dignity in Dying' to: **Debbie Book, Dignity in Dying, 181 Oxford Street, London, W1D 2JT.**



Supporter recommendation

"Could I through the pages of **Campaign** recommend a new book called **I'm Still Here** by John Zeisel to all your readers. The book outlines a new groundbreaking approach to dementia and demonstrates how we can offer people with the illness a better quality of life and a connection to others and the world.

John Suchet, TV presenter and author, says: "Read it, keep it for daily reference. It will change more lives than just yours."

Wilna Roberts, Sevenoaks

Compassion in dying update

Recently appointed as the first full time member of staff for Compassion in Dying, Jo Thomas tells us more about her role and the work the charity is currently undertaking.

Tell us a bit more about Compassion in Dying

Compassion in Dying is a registered charity (no. 1120203) which was set up in 2007. We aim to ensure that people can access the care and treatment that is right for them by providing information and support, and conducting research around patient rights and options. We work in partnership with Dignity in Dying, but where it campaigns to extend individual rights at the end of life, Compassion in Dying works to increase understanding of and empowerment around people's rights under current law.

What's your role at the organisation?

As Compassion in Dying's Fundraising and Projects Coordinator, my day-to-day duties are pretty varied - from developing ideas for projects and writing funding proposals, to talking to people about their rights and choices at the end of life or promoting Compassion in Dying at events.

What is Compassion in Dying working on at the moment?

As well as providing free Advance Decisions, we are currently seeking funding for an End-of-Life Care Information Line and redesigning our website. We are also kick-starting Compassion in Dying's research programme with a Systematic Review of existing research in the field of end-of-life rights.

Finally, we are examining how tools such as Advance Decisions and Lasting Powers of Attorney have affected people's experiences at the end of life since the Mental Capacity Act came into force. To do this we are seeking stories from people who have a recent experience of end-of-life care - good or bad. If you have a story you would be willing to share, please fill in the form on the back page and send it to the address below, or you can email me at jo.thomas@compassionindying.org.uk

What do you envisage the future to look like for Compassion in Dying?

As the population ages, I anticipate a growing demand for information about individuals' rights and options; particularly as the baby boomer generation, famously accustomed to choice and control, reaches the end of life. Recently there has been more Government attention on end-of-life issues than ever before, and under the Mental Capacity Act we all now have the right to control our own treatment - an important step forward for patient empowerment. I envisage Compassion in Dying fulfilling an important role in supporting this positive change by ensuring that people can make informed decisions about the care and treatment that is right for them. In this way we can work to champion the rights of the individual at the end of life.

Compassion in Dying is a charity that supports individuals at the end of life to have what they consider to be a good death.

We provide information and support around patient rights and options, and conduct research into end-of-life issues.

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Compassion in dying update

To find out how patient choice in end of life care is working at the moment, we need your stories...

We would like to hear from people who have an experience they would be willing to share about a loved one's end-of-life care - good or bad. We are especially interested to hear how Advance Decisions and Lasting Powers of Attorney (LPAs) are affecting people's experiences at the end of life since the Mental Capacity Act came into force in October 2007. Or, if you have decided to make an Advance Decision or Lasting Power of Attorney, please tell us why.
Use the space below and more if you need to:

My story...

Can we use your story in our work?	Yes	No
Would you be willing to tell your story to the media?	Yes	No
Would you like to tell us who you are?	Yes	No

If yes, please give us your name and contact details in the box below

Thank you for taking the time to tell us your story

Please return this form to: Compassion in Dying, 181 Oxford Street, W1D 2JT or email it to jo.thomas@compassionindying.org.uk